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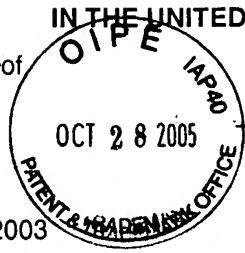
In re Patent Application of

ISHIKAWA et al.

Serial No. 10/705,883

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DRYING CERAMIC MOLDED ARTICLES



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C/A.U. 1732

Examiner: M. Daniels

Date: October 28, 2005

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Sir:

RESPONSE

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	0	minus highest number	
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0 x \$50.00
			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment	0	minus highest number	
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If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add
\$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$

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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add	\$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814) \$
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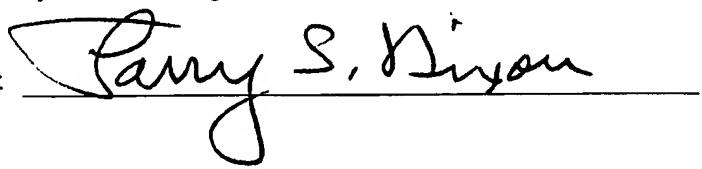
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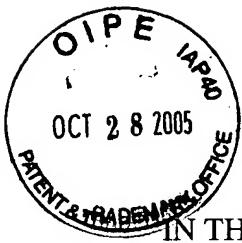
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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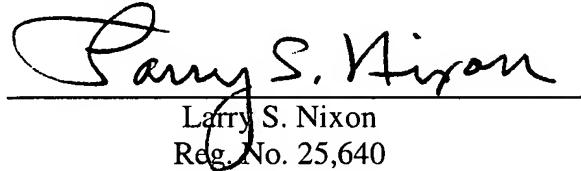
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In response to the Office Action dated 10/19/2005 finding that applicant has claimed two patentably distinct inventions (i.e., neither of which is made "obvious" in view of the other under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects the patentably distinct Invention I comprising claims 1-9 for further substantive examination in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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